MYSORE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Wednesday, 21st February 1968.

The House met in the Council Chamber, Vidhana Soudha, Bangalore, at Fifteen Minutes past Two of the Clock.

MR. CHAIRMAN [SRI S. C. EDKE, B.A., LL.B.] in the Chair.

STARRED QUESTIONS

(to which oral answers were given)

Implementation of Recommendations of the Education Commission

3. SRI S. MUKUNDA RAO (Teachers' Constituency).—

Will the Minister for Education and Agriculture be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Education Commission has recommended that each State must have an Education Act and set up a State Council of Education, a State Board of Education District School Boards, Managing Committees for Schools, Recognised Teachers' Organisations and Joint Teachers Councils in the recommendations Nos. 222, 215, 120, 210, 112 and 27 respectively ;

(*b*) the steps taken to implement the recommendations ?

A.—SRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Education and Agriculture).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The administrative and financial implications of the recommendations are being examined.

SRI S. MUKUNDA RAO.—Sir, there are many suggestions which do not require any expenditure. Could not the Government implement at least those suggestions immediately ?

SRI K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—Though there are no financial difficulties, there are administrative implications. Therefore, they will have to be studied.

Sri S. MUKUNDA RAO.—Last time the Hon'ble Minister was pleased to say that he would introduce a Bill for the District School Boards. That was one of the suggestions. But we find from the Governor's Address that there is no mention about this Bill coming up during this Session ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—Most probably the Bill may come up during this Session. The Bill is ready. It is subjected to scrutiny. I hope the Bill will come before this Session.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—The Hon'ble Minister was pleased to observe last time that he will see that if the Report of the Education Commission could not be discussed on the floor of this House. Has the Government taken a decision ever since then ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—I have not taken decision. If time permits, we will discuss.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—What exactly are the major changes that are thought of in the educational system of the State on the recommendations of the Kothari Commission ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—There are so many changes : about the structure of the education, about the language policy, about teachers' status, about Teachers' Joint Council. There are number of recommendations. Most of the recommendations are acceptable. We will try to implement as early as possible.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—What are the things that they have decided so far to implement in the year 68-69 ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—About the structure of the education policy, we have already decided and we are going to implement it. Coming to electives, from the 9th and 10th standards we have decided to discontinue from 1969-70.

Sri M. P. L. SASTRY.—With regard to junior intermediate course whether they have decided or is it still under correspondence ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—The matter is under correspondence with the University that it should be finalised for two years course ; probably in 1970, it may be given effect to.

Sri J. B MALLARADHYA.—Since there are quite a number of valuable recommendations in respect of Government coming to decisions on some of the subjects, would not the Government think that the two Houses of the legislature should be taken into confidence and adequate opportunity given to discuss the matter ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA —I agree with the member and if time permits we shall discuss.

ಶ್ರೀ ಜೆ. ಬಿ. ಮಲ್ಲಾರಾಧ್ಯ.—ಹೋದ ಸಲವೂ ಹಾಗೆಯೇ ಹೇಳಿದರು. ಈ ಸಲ ಖಂಡಿತ ವಾಗಿ ಮಾಡುವುದಾಗಿ ಹೇಳಿದರು. 9ನೆಯ ತಾರೀಖು ಈ ಸಭೆಗೆ ಬಿಡುವು ಕೊಟ್ಟಿಯುವುದರಿಂದ ಆಗ ನಾವು ಮನೆಗೆ ಹೋಗಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಡುವುದಕ್ಕೆ ಬದಲಾಗಿ ಈ ವಿಷಯ ಚರ್ಚೆಮಾಡಲು ಅವಕಾಶ ಕೊಟ್ಟು ಸರಕಾರ ವಿಷಯವನ್ನು ತೀರ್ಮಾನಮಾಡುವುದು ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದು. ಆಗ ಎರಡು ಸಭೆಗಳ ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಿಸಿದರೆ ಒಳ್ಳೆಯದಾಗುವುದೆಂದು ತೋರುತ್ತದೆ.

Sri S. P. RAJANNA.—Is it not a fact that there are already recognised Teachers' Associations in the Taluk level working from many years ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—There are some.

N. C. C. in Schools and Colleges

4. Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA (Legislative Assembly Constituency).—

Will the Minister for Education and Agriculture be pleased to state :—

(*a*) in view of statements made by responsible Ministers at the Central and State levels that N. C. C. would cease to be compulsory in future, how soon would this decision be given effect to ;

(*b*) the aggregate allotment made by the State Government under all categories for running N. C. C. Units in Mysore in the Budget ;

(*c*) whether it is the intention of Government to make N. C. C. optional for boys and girls in Schools and Colleges ;

(*d*) whether there is any substantial reduction in the budget allotment for N. C. C. in the proposed altered set up ;

(*e*) the reasons that prompted Government to consider that N. C. C. need not in future be continued on a compulsory basis ?

A.— Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Education and Agriculture).—

(*a*) The Universities have been asked to examine the matter.

(*b*) Rs. 75,04,000.

(*c*) It is now optional for boys and girls in High Schools and for girls in Colleges. The training in Colleges is governed by University Regulations.

(*d*) Does not arise as no change has been decided.

(*e*) Does not arise.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Is the hon'ble Minister aware that it is only last week the Inter-University Board has taken a decision that the N. C. C. organisation should be made optional in respect of all the Universities ?

Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA.—Yes, I am aware of it.

Sri J. B. MALLARADHYA.—Then what is it that the Universities are asked to examine the matter again ?